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Honorable Clarence Cannon  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of May 15 enclosing the letter which the CIA Subcommittee sent to the President. Words can hardly express how deeply I am touched by this note of confidence on the part of yourself and your colleagues of the Committee on Appropriations. It is indeed gratifying at this time to receive your assurances.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Committee on Appropriations  
Eighty-sixth Congress  
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May 15, 1961

Mr. Allen Dulles  
Director, CIA  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Am enclosing copy of a letter which is  
self-explanatory.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Honorable John F. Kennedy  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Of course, no member of the Legislative branch of the Government would presume to make any suggestion to you with relation to the appointment of strategic members of your administration.

But the subcommittee on CIA which, naturally, has been in touch with Mr. Dulles for many years, have found him exceptionally reliable, efficient, and competent.

With assurances of our warmest regard and cooperation,  
Sincerely,

Clarence Cannon  
George H. Mahon  
Harry R. Sheppard  
John Taber  
Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

Subcommittee on CIA.

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